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IN RE APPLICATION OF :  
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SERIAL NO: 10/574,955 :  
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FOR: CLARIFICATION METHOD AND :  
APPARATUS FOR MATERIAL :  
CONTAMINATED WITH HEAVY :  
METALS

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated February 24, 2009, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.